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GUEST 8 : Mirage

I'VE POURED SOME TEA SO PLEASE HELP YOURSELF
YOU'LL BE HAVING CUSTOMERS TODAY TOO
MMM
BAKU
BAKU
AH PLEASE FIX YOUR TIE
annoyed
OKAY..
I've made Tiger's clubhouse Sandwich!
SOME -THING SMELLS BAD
EH?
owner!
Please try it!

THUD
THUD
THUD
Ah, owner! You're so kind!
*Giving it to Cow!
Ugh?!
THERE S NOTHING STRANGE INSIDE IT
don't want it
WELL, PLEASE COME THIS WAY.
I MADE IT BUT PLEASE EAT IT IF YOU LIKE
But
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME
EATING SOMETHING LIKE THIS
LIKE A HUMAN...

You must have had a bad dream.
BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS EATING NIGHTMARES.
...NIGHTMARES?
WHAT'S THE MATTER BAKU?
...
Dream?
alright! Ba-!
Good morning, Bakkun!
AH YOU'RE EATING SOMETHING NICE! GIVE ME SOME!
NO WAY
MUNCH MUNCH
BAKU.

EH
WE'RE GOING SHOPPING
WE'LL BE BACK SOON
SHALL WE GO TOGETHER?
Wait..
WAIT...

YOU MUST BE LONELY ALWAYS LOOKING AFTER THE SHOP WHILE WE'RE OUT
Right, a bad dream ...
What?
I'm with everyone...
With friends...
Can someone who leaves his friends behind make friends?

"I'm not alone."
Tsuyu
Will someone always stay beside me?
Even I..

didn't want to
become someone like that
Wait..

It's hot.
I wonder how many summers have passed.
No matter how much you chase it,
you can't reach it
A mirage
The guilt made me feel uncomfortable.
GUIT...
IT'S HOT...
IT'S COLD...

Being exposed to that light...
A DREAM...
EVERYONE...?
NO ONE'S HERE...?

YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

What are you doing, Bakkun?!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE PRETENDING TO SLEEP, STUPID.
Ah, Bakkun said something mean!
Did you hear that, everyone?!
SHUT UP YOU IDIOT DIE
Get out of my way
YOU CAN'T DO THAT, BAKKUN!
Someone must have taught him.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DIE IN ACCIDENTS AND FROM ILLNESS!
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DIE
BECAUSE SOMEONE SAYS "DIE!" TO THEM.
They should just die.

You and everyone else
should just leave me alone.
owner! We're back!
I'm first!
thump-thump

It happens a lot!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU COULDN'T HOLD YOUR CUP PROPERLY AND SPILT YOUR DRINK?
OH? YOU LOOK KIND OF DEPRESSED!
.....
Arv! all together
WHO SAID YOU COULD LEAVE WITHOUT PERMISSION?
WHY ARE YOU ANGRY?
sob
WE WENT TO FIND CUSTOMERS FOR YOU
WELL?
shock
WHERE ARE THE CUSTOMERS?
THEY'RE NOT COMING

THE SHOP WON'T BE OPEN TODAY?
HOW ANNOYING
I'm hungry
That day...
HEY COW SHAKE THAT FOR ONE HOUR
!!
BAKU
THERE S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK..
WHAT ..?
When I returned to my original form.
IF YOU DON'T EAT NIGHTMARES, WILL WE DIE TOO?

My memories, which had faintly returned ...
. . .
WHAT...
WE WERE ORIGINALLY ONE.
All four of them were part of the "original form" of a baku.
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
The baku itself.

IT WAS ONLY US WHO GOT OUR MEMORIES BACK
IT SEEMS LIKE THOSE TWO HAVEN'T NOTICED
……

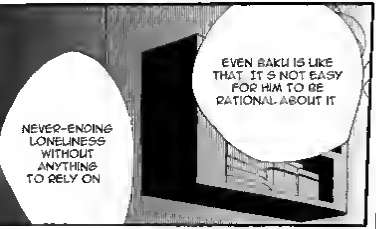
WE WON'T DIE.
We can't die.
Our instincts desire that.

I understood when I returned to my original form
This instinct will cling to life,
conflicting with my feelings
WE WON'T GO ANYWHERE
SO IT'S OKAY
If I become hungry enough to die, then I'll unconsciously return to my original form and eat uncontrollably.

We won't go anywhere.
ARE YOU STILL SICK?
I'M OKAY
IT SEEMS THAT WE REALLY CAN'T BE SEPARATED FROM OUR ORIGINAL BODY.
ARIES
RHINO
I TRIED IT THIS MORNING. BUT WHEN I HAD GONE SOME DISTANCE FROM THE SHOP
I BEGAN TO FEEL SICK AND COULDN'T MOVE
DO YOU WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE?
NOT REALLY. I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND OUR SURROUNDINGS
IT'S PAINFUL FOR ME

I DON'T HAVE ANY DOUBTS
ABOUT THINKING
THAT I'M JUST MYSELF...
Is I think carefully about it. It's the same for my elephant form too

"WITHOUT ME, BAKU'S ORIGINAL FORM WOULDN'T EXIST."
"I, AS A PART OF BAKU."
I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT


EVEN BAKU IS LIKE THAT. IT'S NOT EASY FOR HIM TO BE RATIONAL ABOUT IT
NEVER-ENDING LONELINESS WITHOUT ANYTHING TO RELY ON

...ARE YOU OKAY?
IT SEEMS CHILDISH

BUT...
ISN'T IT CONFUSING?

"YOU WERE CHARACTERS IN MY DREAM."
"FROM THE BEGINNING AND FROM NOW ON..."
WASN'T IT...
bang
What does it mean?!
STORY LIKE THAT?
BUT...
WELL...
WELL, YEAH...
Haha
ARE'N'T THINGS HARDER FOR THE ONE WHO HAS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE CHARACTERS?
SO YOU'VE BECOME ABLE TO SYMPATHISE...?
JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM...?

DON'T YOU FEEL SORRY FOR HIM?
HE CAN'T SLEEP UNLESS HE'S HOLDING US
THEN WHY DID YOU MAKE SURE ALL OF US WENT OUT?
Crash
THAT'S RIGHT..
I WONDER WHY..

Do you want to know?

go anywhere...
we won't....
What an..
awful guy...
toh..
HEY MR COW
DON'T CALL ME MR. COW.
THAT'S HOW IT'S BEEN RECENTLY.

EVERYONE'S BEEN SAYING NOSTALGIC THINGS
IT'S LONELY...
RAKKUN
RAKKUN
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT I CAME BACK TO YOU?
To annoy me.

Wha..
YOU!!
Why do you act like such a child even though you've lived longer than me?!
How can you talk like that! Who do you think kept you alive?!
hmph
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A KID?
WHAT A KID..
I THOUGHT YOU WERE
.....
DYING IN FRONT OF ME..
TO ANNOY ME
THAT WAS BECAUSE
THEN WHY DID YOU HELP ME?!

I UNDERSTAND. SORRY. I'VE HAD ENOUGH
I'LL REALLY DIE
I'M CLOSE TO THE AGE THAT MY FATHER DIED
THE NEXT TIME YOU LISTEN FOR THE SOUND OF MY HEART, IT MIGHT HAVE STOPPED

SLAM
Waah!!
Die!!
Shut up, you idiot...
They were listen no!
!
I'm sorry
UMM..
THE OWNER..
POP
Maybe that

AGAIN TODAY TOO
NAUGHTY AND COWARDLY
HE'S REALLY LINKING
was a cry for help
Bakkun is a child.

I WAS LIKE THAT WHEN I WAS A KID TOO
WHEN I KNEW THAT MY DAD WOULD "DIE SOMETIME".
I WAS SCARED OF WATCHING HIM SLEEP, SO I LISTENED TO HIS HEART.
Actually ...
He's been like that since then.
So you're alive...
But it won't do any good.
I'll leave him behind someday.

I wonder if...
my father felt the same.
IT'S LIKE A PUDDLE
OH?
WHAT WAS IT CALLED?
"A MIRAGE"
A KIND OF ILLUSION THAT YOU SEE ON HOT DAYS
I think that was it.
IT ESCAPES EVEN IF YOU CHASE IT
SO YOU CAN'T CATCH IT
HMM
BUT IT'S
ALWAYS THERE..

A world of dreams.
There was one boy.
The boy, who was all alone,
previously had the appearance of a young man.
He hadn't thought about it either
and he had no reason to change what he was.
But his heart was like a child's
He just lived by devouring the..
"nightmares"
that bind and confuse humans who visit the dream world